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Message from Minister Shirley Bond

Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education

On September 8, I had the pleasure of celebrating International Literacy Day at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, the largest Native Friendship Centre in Canada. While there, I announced the expansion of the Province's literacy action plan by investing a further $6 million in support for rural, remote and Aboriginal communities throughout B.C. bringing our total investment in new literacy initiatives to more than $140 million since 2001.

Community adult literacy programs received $2.4 million to offer free tutoring for adults wanting to upgrade their education or strengthen their literacy skills. Additional investments will support literacy programs for Aboriginal families. The B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres will receive $1.2 million in support of Aboriginal family literacy programs. A further $110,000 will fund an Imagination Library book program for Aboriginal children living in 30 rural and remote B.C. communities. The Province is working with partners to provide a free, age-appropriate book each month to these children from birth up to their fifth birthday.

Our goal is to give those in rural, remote and Aboriginal communities the same learning opportunities as those who live in our larger cities.

International Literacy Day Event

Education Minister Shirley Bond celebrated International Literacy day, Sept. 8, at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre where she

announced $6 million in new funding for literacy programs across the Province. These projects are designed to support rural, remote and Aboriginal communities. Read more.

HOT TOPIC

Concerns have been raised recently as to whether school districts have implemented provincial codes of conduct regarding anti-bullying. All B.C. school districts are expected to have codes of conduct in place that comply with provincial standards. It is the responsibility of locally-elected trustees to ensure that this legislation is complied with, and we regularly monitor those expectations and will continue to do so.

In spring of last year the Ministry of Education sent out information regarding new anti-bullying standards to every school district. Many of the districts across the province already had codes of conduct in place but they are now required to update them to ensure consistency across all districts.

According to our Superintendents of Achievement, all 60 school districts have processes in place to ensure that their codes of conduct comply with provincial standards. The Ministry plans to issue a bulletin shortly reminding districts about code of conduct requirements. Trustees in the province want children to feel safe, and the Ministry is working with boards to ensure that this happens.

Reading Corner

This Roald Dahl classic is as appealing today as it was when first published in 1964. A blatant morality tale told with humour and imagination and peppered with Dahl's delightful wit and wordplay, this story will have students holding their breath with the starving Charlie as he hopes against all odds to find a golden ticket. Then they'll squirm with delight at the wonders of Wonka's confections in the factory and feel rather pleased when each of the four children who wins a tour encounters his or her own just demise, leaving Charlie as the winner who takes all.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Dahl, Roald